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Governor Directs Revenue Department to Audit Hart County Board of Tax Assessors Office

ATLANTA—At the direction of Governor Perdue, Georgia Department of Revenue agents will conduct an audit of the Hart County Board of Tax Assessors beginning March 5, 2007, Revenue Commissioner Bart L. Graham announced today.

Four revenue agents from the Department's Local Government Services Division will conduct the audit. The team will be reviewing the Hart County Board of Tax Assessors' appraisal methodology, compliance with laws regarding applications, appeals, and special assessment programs, and all other statutory duties of the board.

Commissioner Graham notified R.C. Oglesby, Chairman of the Hart County Board of Commissioners of the upcoming audit via faxed letter today.

The audit is being conducted as a result of numerous taxpayer concerns and alleged problems over multiple years regarding the Hart County Board of Tax Assessors office. The audit start date could be shifted to a later date if so requested by the Hart County Board of Commissioners.

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